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SUBJECT: VISA PROCUREMENT FOR MALI

REF: BAMAKO 1799

1. AMEMBASSY BAMAKO ADVISES THAT FRENCH FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS WILL NO LONGER ISSUE VISAS FOR MALI. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT MALIAN VISA BE OBTAINED BEFORE ARRIVAL. AIR-PORT VISAS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS BY THE EMBASSY IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES. IN THIS CASE, FORTY-EIGHT HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE AND FULL PASSPORT INFORMATION ARE REQUIRED. STATUS MUST BE REGULARIZED WITH MALIAN AUTHORITIES AFTER ARRIVAL.

2. VISITORS TRAVELLING WITH REGULAR PASSPORTS WHO ARRIVE WITHOUT VISAS WILL GENERALLY BE ADMITTED TO MALI PROVIDED
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THEY HAVE AN ONWARD TICKET AND CAN PLEDGE AT THE PORT OF ENTRY SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES. THEIR PASSPORTS ARE CONFISCATED BY THE POLICE, AND ARE RETURNED AFTER COMPLETION OF VISA FORMALITIES. THIS PROCESS USUALLY TAKES ONE TO TWO DAYS. ENTRY FOR THOSE WITHOUT VISAS CAN, HOWEVER, IN NO CASE BE GUARANTEED. ALL PERSONS REFUSED ENTRY TO MALI ARE PLACED ON THE NEXT DEPARTING FLIGHT. IN THE

INTERIM, THEY MAY BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AIRPORT POLICE.

3. MALIAN VISAS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MALIAN MISSIONS LOCATED IN: ABIDJAN, ACCRA, ALGIERS, EAST BERLIN, BONN, BRUSSELS, CAIRO, DAKAR, JIDDA, MOSCOW, NEW YORK, PARIS, PEKING, AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

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